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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DISCRIMINATION AT ROME AIRPORTS

REFS: A. STATE 45279; B. STATE 45284 (NOTAL);

C. STATE 35270 (NOTAL); D. ROME 2911

1. EMBOFF CALLED POSTIGLIONE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SOCIETA AEROPORTI DI ROMA (SAR) ON MARCH 1 (BEFORE RECEIPT REFTELS A AND B) AND WAS TOLD THAT SAR ALREADY HAS RECEIVED BULK OF FUNDS ALITALIA OWES SAR FOR USER CHARGES THAT HAVE BEEN PAST DUE SINCE JULY 1, 1974. POSTIGLIONE ADDED THAT SAR AND ALITALIA ARE NEGOTIATING RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS IN DISPUTE FOR TECHNICAL REASONS.

2. EMBOFF ASKED FOR SOME DOCUMENTATION THAT PAYMENTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN NIEW OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINDING OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT. POSTIGLIONE ASKED EMBOFF TO FURNISH LETTER ASKING ABOUT STATUS OF CASE AND PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST IN RESPONSE. EMBASSY WILL DELIVER SUCH LETTER MARCH 2 AND WILL NOTIFY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS REPLY RECEIVED.

3. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REF C AND AS REPORTED REF D EMBASSY

SENT NOTE TO MFA REQUESTING THAT MFA ACCELERATE RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S NOTES 271 OF MAY 21, 1976 AND 569 OF OCTOBER 4, 1976 ON DISCRIMINATION AT ROME

AIRPORTS. EMBASSY WILL DELIVER TO MFA COPY OF SECRETARY ADAMS' LETTER TO SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL IN FURTHER EFFORT TO OBTAIN RESPONSE TO OUR NOTES. LETTER MAY STRIKE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AS UNTIMELY, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF LAZIO REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL DECISION (ORDINANZA) ON JANUARY 31 AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED BY EMBASSY (SEE ROME 1888 AND 2658). ALSO AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE ALITALIA DID NOT AT ANY TIME ANNOUNCE IT WOULD APPEAL DECISION.

4. EMBASSY CAUTIONS THAT FIGURE OF 13 MILLION (REPEATED PARA 1 OF REF A) ALITALIA DEBT TO SAR IS ONLY ROUGH ESTIMATE BASED ON VERY BRIEF GLANCE AT SAR BILLING TO ALITALIA AND BY NO MEANS SHOULD BE ADOPTED AS "CORRECT" FIGURE REPRESENTING SAR'S CLAIM AGAINST ALITALIA.

5. EMBASSY WILL CABLE FINAL JUDICIAL RULING (SENTENZA) AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. BEAUDRY

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